

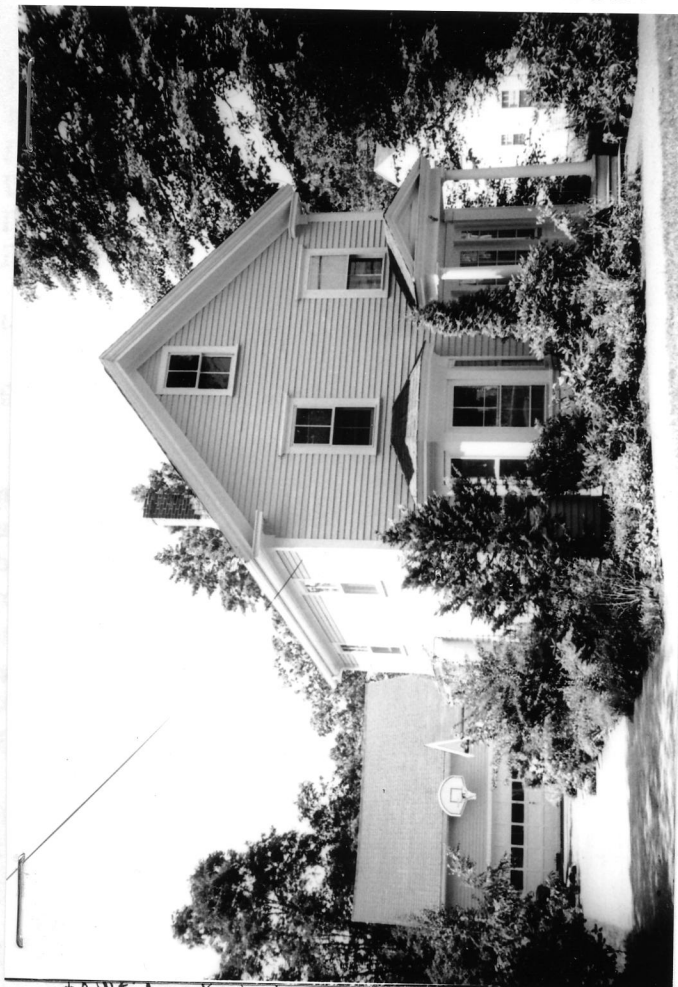
FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number
64/137

USGS Quad
Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1059



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 66 Hancock Street

Historic Name Patrick & Margaret Dacey House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c.1880

Source Assessor's records, 1875 map

Style/Form

Architect/Builder Patrick Dacey?

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood clapboards

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage/barn

Major Alterations (with dates) c.1900 - front porch;

1989 - rear addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 34460 SF

Setting mixed 18th to 20th century residential area

along busy road



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000

BUILDING FORM (66 Hancock Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Dating to the late 19th century, 66 Hancock Street is a 2 1/2-story, clapboarded dwelling oriented with its two bay wide gablefront set close to the street. The house rests on a fieldstone foundation and is capped by an asphalt roof with projecting eaves ending in returns. The sidehall entrance contains a multi-glass door framed by sidelights. The turn-of-the-century entrance porch is supported by a pair of Roman Doric columns echoed by pilasters adjacent to the door. Next to the entrance is a three-sided bay window set above a stone foundation with rusticated horizontal boards below the 2/2 windows. The unevenly spaced two 2/2 windows upstairs are capped by lipped lintels and there is a smaller 2/2 window lighting the attic.

The south side elevation is two bays deep, also with 2/2 windows. Those on the upper story extend to the frieze and are without lintels. At the rear of the main house block there is a hip-roofed oriel window supported by brackets and containing a pair of 2/2 windows. Extending behind the main house is an offset, two-story, gable-roofed wing fronted by a single-story enclosed porch with modern fenestration including a gabled entrance. Extending behind the wing is a two-story addition, further offset.

A c.1890 detached barn/garage is located to the southwest. The clapboarded 1 1/2-story building is set with its broad side and double-wide modern garage door facing the street. There are 2/2 windows on the side elevations. The projecting eaves display exposed rafters.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The early history of this house is not known. It was apparently constructed after 1875 as it is not depicted on that map. The earliest known (and possibly the original) owner of the house was Patrick F. Dacey who lived here from about 1886 to 1897. According to the town history Dacey was a mason and contractor who came to Lexington in 1873. In 1897 Dacey bought a house on Muzzey Street and apparently sold the Hancock Street house to George Whiting, who owned multiple properties in town. The 1906 Atlas shows Whiting as the owner of the house. By 1913 the property was owned by Frank Berquist, a provisions dealer in Charlestown, who lived here until about 1922. Patrick Fitzgerald occupied the house in the late 1920s and 1930s. Ralph and Frances Scribner acquired the house about 1940 and sold the property to Richard and Priscilla McKee in 1947. Jonathan and Magdalena Himmel purchased the house in 1977.

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- Lexington Minute-man*, 12/3/1897.
- Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
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- 1906 Atlas.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*